

RULE 9. PERSONNEL ACTIONS AFFECTING
COMMITTEE STAFF

In accordance with Rule XLII of the Standing Rules of the Senate and the Congressional Accountability Act of 1995 (P.L. 104-1), all personnel actions affecting the staff of the Committee shall be made free from any discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, state of physical handicap, or disability.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO LILLY NUTTER

• Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, today I recognize a remarkable Hoosier, Mrs. Lilly Nutter of Warren, IN, who has worked diligently in her own way to provide a measure of comfort to more than 1,000 servicemembers stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

After a career with the Department of Defense that included service in California and at Grissom Air Force Base in my State of Indiana, Mrs. Nutter retired to her husband's hometown of Warren where she is active with the Welcome Wagon, the Chamber of Commerce, the Cancer Society, and the food pantry.

However, I especially admire Mrs. Nutter's work on behalf of our servicemembers. In 2003, Mrs. Nutter was contacted by her grandson Kent Dolasky, who was serving with the U.S. Army in Iraq. Her grandson shared his concern that some of his fellow soldiers did not receive packages from their friends and family during their deployment. Always looking for a new opportunity to help others, Mrs. Nutter got to work collecting candy, toiletries, and other items that would bring a smile to the faces of servicemembers during time away from their loved ones and the comforts of home. Her efforts, however, did not conclude when her grandson and his unit returned home. Since 2003, Mrs. Nutter has worked with her family and friends both in her community and across the country to collect goods that have been assembled into more than 1,000 care packages.

I am hopeful that my fellow Senators will join me in thanking Mrs. Nutter for her remarkable work on behalf of our servicemembers and in recognizing her spirit of care and compassion for those who risk their lives defending our Nation abroad.●

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF
THE THEODORE ROOSEVELT DAM

• Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, on March 18, 2011, the State of Arizona will celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Theodore Roosevelt Dam. As that day approaches, I wish to recognize how vital this structure has been in unlocking the tremendous economic potential of my State.

In the arid and often unforgiving desert, the Theodore Roosevelt Dam is the central component and crowning achievement of one of the Nation's first water reclamation projects in the

West. In 1903, a group of visionary territorial Arizonans banded together to mortgage their lands as debt collateral for a Federal loan to build the Roosevelt Dam. The dam was completed 8 years later, in 1911, and stood as the world's largest masonry dam of its day. Located on the Salt River, it serves as both a water storage system and hydroelectric facility that supplies electricity, drinking water and irrigation water to the downstream communities of metropolitan Phoenix.

Those original landowners, who in 1903 formed the Salt River Valley Water Users Association, had a vision of what could be. Indeed, Roosevelt Dam nurtured and ultimately transformed the Salt River Valley into what is today. The dam made Phoenix a boom town, and turned the surrounding area into one of fastest-growing regions in the Nation. People came, and with them a strong and vibrant economy grew to attract new businesses fueled by a diverse labor force. Roosevelt Dam literally changed people's ideas about living in the desert. It is a legacy that continues today with the Salt River Project, a power and water utility that continues to provide the infrastructure that feeds the area's economy.

Over the next several decades, the Phoenix area is projected to expand by twice the national rate once again demonstrating the vitality of the community. No other reclamation project in the history of Arizona has stimulated the economic and population boom in the way Roosevelt Dam did once it was completed. For that reason, I am proud to honor its contributions in my State, for the past 100 years and into its next century of service.●

REMEMBERING EVANGELISTO
RAMIREZ GARCIA

• Mr. UDALL of New Mexico. Mr. President, last month, my home State of New Mexico lost a great man when Mr. Evangelisto "Evans" Ramirez Garcia, a survivor of the Bataan Death March, passed away at the age of 97. The loss of a hero such as Mr. Garcia is felt not only by New Mexicans but by our entire country—which is forever indebted to those brave men captured in Bataan. I would like to take a few moments to honor him today.

Mr. Garcia's life tells a story of patriotism in its finest form. He served in two wars, earning a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and POW Medal among other commendations, and continued to support veterans' issues long after he completed his military service.

Cutting his university studies short to enlist in the U.S. Army in 1941, Mr. Garcia and his fellow soldiers stationed in the Philippines played a vital role in the eventual victory of the Allied forces. They gave little merit to their own safety or comfort and helped to slow the Japanese advance, giving Allied troops the time to reorganize and reverse Japan's progress.

Mr. Garcia credited his faith as giving him the spiritual strength to survive the three years of inhumane conditions and atrocities he faced at the hands of his captors—including the 55-mile Bataan Death March.

Mr. Garcia's dedication to his country did not waiver in the following years and he reenlisted in the Army as the Korean war escalated. He served another year before settling down in Santa Fe.

As an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a regular volunteer at the VA Hospital, and a participant in marches commemorating the Bataan Death March, Mr. Garcia touched many lives through his continued support of fellow veterans.

For those who knew him it was evident that he was no less devoted in his personal life. He was a loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. For his family, it will be the times spent fishing together that they will remember and miss the most.

While Mr. Garcia was a hero to his country, he was a personal hero to two of his grandsons who followed in his footsteps and joined the military themselves.

Let us honor this hero's legacy, and all those who serve our country, by continuing Mr. Garcia's work and supporting those who have made so many sacrifices for our country.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE
RECEIVED DURING ADJOURNMENT

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of January 5, 2011, the Secretary of the Senate, on February 18, 2011, during the adjournment of the Senate, received a message from the House of Representatives announcing that the Speaker had signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 514. An act to extend expiring provisions of the USA PATRIOT Improvement and Reauthorization Act of 2005 and Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 relating to access to business records, individual terrorists as agents of foreign powers, and roving wiretaps until December 8, 2011.

The message also announced that pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 3003 note, and the